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« NO TO OKEEFE »

Si les étudiants de Macdonald sont peu friands de débats entre le RAEU et l'ANEQ, la politique internationale, elle, réussit à les attirer en nombre considérable.

En effet, jeudi le 27 octobre, on convoquait une assemblée générale extraordinaire grâce à la détermination d'un groupe d'étudiants qui tenaient à leurs idées. L'objet de cette assemblée continuer le boycott des produits O'Keefe.

On sait que la compagnie O'Keefe est contrôlée majoritairement par les intérêts sud-africains. Or, le régime politique en Afrique du Sud est fondé sur le racisme le plus grossier qui soit. La majorité

noire est privée de ses droits les plus élémentaires: le droit de vote, la liberté d'association, la liberté de mouvement, le droit de posséder la terre (les Noirs, qui forment 87% de la population sont confinés à 13% du territoire et comme par hasard, ces terres sont les plus pauvres, les moins productives et les plus surpeuplées du pays).

Certains emplois sont interdits aux noirs et de toute façon, ils n'ont pas accès à la formation qui leur permettrait de se qualifier pour les emplois les mieux rémunérés. Inutile de dire que leur revenu est plusieurs fois inférieur à celui des blancs.

La discrimination s'exerce à

tous les niveaux: les écoles, les quartiers, les magasins sont séparés.

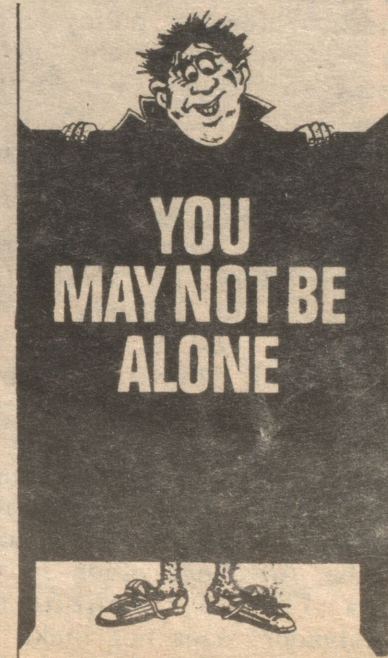
Bien sûr, l'Afrique du Sud n'est pas le seul pays où les masses sont opprimées mais le fait que sa politique soit fondée sur le racisme en fait un régime exécrationnel qu'on condamne partout dans le monde.

C'est pour toutes ses raisons que plusieurs des pays des Nations Unies ont décidé de couper toutes relations avec ce régime de façon à l'affaiblir suffisamment pour que la majorité puisse prendre le pouvoir.

C'est pour ces raisons aussi que l'an dernier, par

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WOMEN:



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MALE CONTRACEPTION: a real possibility

We are fast approaching an era in which zero population growth will be a necessity rather than a desirable alternative. Uncontrolled population growth worldwide has contributed to serious economic, political and social problems. Poorer, less developed countries gave faster rates of population increase and significant population control is a problem. Reducing the millions of unplanned and unwanted pregnancies would help (and only help) to solve many economic and health problems, and potentiate the possibility of improved standards of living in many overpopulated societies.

The Western countries have also a need for effective fertility control. Liberalisation of our attitudes on sex and sexual freedom precipitated development of female contraceptives. Acceptance of an effective pill for women has created, for sociological and psychological reasons, a need for male contraceptives.

It is my objective to introduce several endocrinological methods of

male contraception and present benefits and detrimental effects of their usage. Two approaches will be considered, that is, using the substance known as Gonadotropin Releasing Hormone (GnRH) and Steroids for inhibition of sperm production.

GnRH is a peptide from the hypothalamus that acts on the anterior pituitary to release Lutenizing Hormone (LH) and Follicle Stimulating Hormone (FSH), both of which are needed for normal spermatogenesis. LH acts on the testes to produce Testosterone (T), the major androgen in males. By administering GnRH in frequent doses there is an initial stimulation but constant exposure to GnRH results in the phenomenon known as pituitary refractoriness. The pituitary decreases its production of LH and FSH. This interferes with sperm production.

For example, daily injection with GnRH for 6-10 weeks significantly decreased sperm production in normal men. Testosterone (T) concentration in the blood also decreases. This, unfortunately, may cause loss of

libido, thus defeating the most important benefit of contraception. Supplementation with T by injection of oral tablets avoids this problem. Side effects include a decrease in testes size over the treatment period. Many men are unnecessarily conscious of testes size and in Western countries this may be unacceptable. Testes size and sperm concentration does, however, recover within 6 months of stopping treatment. Injection is not an attractive mode of administration but because GnRH is absorbed through membranes it has been incorporated into a nasal spray for effective contraception. This method offers some hope for a male contraceptive.

More promising are the results using steroids. By daily administration of medroxyprogesterone acetate with abdominal application of a T-containing ointment, spermatogenesis was suppressed. In this study men were using the methods for one year and no pregnancies resulted.

LH and FSH concentration

in the blood decreased while estrogen concentration and secretory activities of prostate and vesicular glands are unaltered. No loss of libido, no weight gain or development of gynecomastia (engorged breasts) was noted. Often associated with steroid pills is the risk of metabolic upsets especially liver function. No problems were encountered by this treatment. Sperm concentration returned to normal 3-6 months post treatment.

Another promising method uses Levo-norgestrel (synthetic gestagen steroid) tablets daily with an injection of T monthly. Sperm production is significantly decreased with no toxicological side effects. Changes in mood often associated with the female "pill" were noted in this method. No changes in blood clotting characteristics were found and sperm production was normal 14-21 months after cessation of steroid treatments.

Steroid treatments may alter lipid metabolism. Depending on which lipid and which system, this may be

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2 GRENADA INVADED: How will media respond?

Three days ago (as this paper goes to press) the world was stunned to learn of the U.S. invasion of Grenada (along with troops from a few Caribbean nations). American military action in the Caribbean is not new, and it once again casts the U.S. in the role of the neighborhood bully.

This event points to a further militarization of American foreign policy under the Reagan government, and it promises to be extremely interesting to see how the Western press deals with this one. Though the U.S. claims to have invaded to protect its citizens, one suspects the real reason was to install a government in Grenada with a decidedly pro-U.S. tilt. The message is therefore clear: Washington will not tolerate another leftist government in the South American hemisphere.

What then will Washington tolerate? A quick look at some of the American allies in the area (Chile, Argentina, El-Salvador) does not make for a very reassuring answer. The U.S., it seems, will support any government as long as it is perceived to be anti-Soviet, regardless of what forms of torture and oppression it must use to subdue its population.

Already, the U.S. government is giving reasons which it claims are valid justifications for its actions. We are sure to see a lot of Reagan in the news reports trying to legitimize his move, trying to sway public opinion to his side. How do you invade Grenada (or Nicaragua or El Salvador) on the pretext that these countries are a threat to the U.S.A.? You don't, it's impossible. It has to be because Grenada is an outpost of Cuba and the Soviet Union. Of course, the Soviets play exactly the same game, as can be seen from the reasons given for their move into Czechoslovakia, Afghanistan etc.,... to protect against subversion by the C.I.A. A direct consequence of these actions and the reasons advanced to justify them, is a revival and an extension of the Cold War confrontation, trying to get the people to think in east-west terms, to think

confrontationally. This is very functional for the U.S. and for the Soviets, too. What it does is provide the propaganda framework through which they can control their own

population. Both governments (U.S. and Soviets) have been extremely good at this, and this is why so many on both sides believe we need more and better weapon systems and are willing to let their governments spend such fantastic amounts on armaments. It is manipulation through fear.

The next few weeks are sure to make for interesting reading. The question to ask is: What will be the nature of western public opinion in response to this invasion? and How will the Western press interpret and report events? Think back to the days after the Russians moved into Afghanistan, of martial law in Poland. The press was filled with anti-Soviet coverage, people in the West were shocked and angry, anti-Soviet rhetoric was pouring out of Western capitals, boycotts were called for, sanctions were imposed etc. Fine. An equally flagrant violation of another country's independence has just occurred, but this time "our side" is the guilty party. I personally doubt that our media will attack the U.S.A. with the zeal it showed against the Soviets after Afghanistan. I doubt there will be any boycotts or sanctions.

When one begins to ask these types of questions, it becomes clear that our media is biased, and that we are quite easily influenced in the way we think by the U.S. government. It would seem that "our side" is

guilty of the same kinds of "dirty tricks" we are always accusing the other side of. We are not as innocent as we would like to think we are.

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TURTLES TAKE HEART

About this time of year, Mammalian Physiology students study heart function in the laboratory. The experimental animals used are Eastern Painted Turtles purchased from the Carolina Biological Supply Company of North Carolina.

I decided to find out about the source of these turtles, since, being a Wildlifer, I was concerned that the demand for lab animals might lead to overexploitation of that population. I wrote to the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission; the following is their reply to my query.

"In response to your inquiry about the source of turtles supplied to research and educational laboratories by Carolina Biological Supply Company of Burlington, North Carolina, I called the vice-president for research and development, Dr. Flagg, and asked him the source of these turtles.

"Dr. Flagg advised that the turtles were purchased exclusively from persons and

dealers in Louisiana. He said that most of these turtles were caught in private ponds and all were taken and sold in compliance with Louisiana laws and regulations.

"I called the Louisiana Department of Fish and Wildlife about this matter and they advised that it is legal to take and sell the painted turtle in that state. They further advised that turtle populations are stable and that no additional protective action is required at this time.

"Carolina Biological Supply Company has no record of non-compliance with regard to wildlife laws or regulations in North Carolina and has been responsive and cooperative in our inquiry.

"We appreciate your concern for the welfare of our wildlife resources. Let us know if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,
Richard B. Hamilton
Director of Administration"

Allison Lemay

Hausse envisagée de 10% DES FRAIS DE SCOLARITE DES ETUDIANTS UNIVERSITAIRES:

Québec, le 20 octobre 1983 - L'attitude du gouvernement du Parti Québécois ne cessera donc jamais de nous étonner. Contradiction, euphorie, rien semble-t-il ne sera laissé pour compte.

L'euphorie voire même le plaisir en matière de restriction budgétaire qui a contaminé le gouvernement du P.Q. ces dernières années continuent de faire des siennes. Que l'on décide de rationaliser, de couper dans le "gras" soit. Mais que l'on en vienne à s'en prendre aux étudiants, cela relève de la plus pure aberration. On aura beau dire qu'il ne s'agit que d'hypothèses mais lorsque la même hypothèse est projeté pour l'ensemble du milieu de l'éducation, on ne peut que s'attendre à ce qu'elles

se confirment à plus ou moins brève échéance

Le qui ressort du document du Conseil du Trésor dont la Presse a obtenue copie prouve une fois de plus l'incohérence qui semble régner au sein du gouvernement. Lorsque l'on sait l'importance que revêt pour la société la formation du plus grand nombre possible d'étudiants universitaires, lorsque l'on nous sert à tour de bras la nécessité de prendre le virage technologique, lorsque l'on clame la démocratisation de l'enseignement universitaire on ne peut que s'étonner et douter de la bonne foi de nos tribuns quand de telles hypothèses sont envisagées.

Quant à nous du RAEU, nous tenons à signifier notre totale désapprobation devant

toute hausse éventuelle des frais de scolarité. Car si "gras" il y a, il ne se trouve sûrement pas dans les poches des 55% d'étudiants qui ont chômés cet été.

RAEU (Regroupement des associations étudiantes universitaires du Québec).

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WORLD FOOD DAY REPORT

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At least in terms of numbers of people participating, World Food Day was a success this year. Twenty-one Macdonald students and staff members, three Canada World Youth volunteers (two from Morocco), and the manager of the local Provigo spent three hours on Thursday playing the simulation game (see photos below); the displays in the Macdonald-Stewart foyer were crowded with people in between classes and the films were shown in six large classes during Thursday and Friday. Drs. Donefer and Stepler led an hour and half discussion after showing the film "Growing Dollars" in their joint Principles of Plant and Animal Science class.

Macdonald also hosted 35 high school students and their teacher on Friday, who came to

view "Growing Dollars", see the displays and play the simulation game.

IF ANYONE WOULD LIKE ONE OF THE INFORMATION KITS THAT WERE BEING GIVEN OUT AT WORLD FOOD DAY (WITH THE WORLD MAP) PLEASE COME AND PICK ONE UP AT EAP (BARTON 1-022). "FREE". EAP

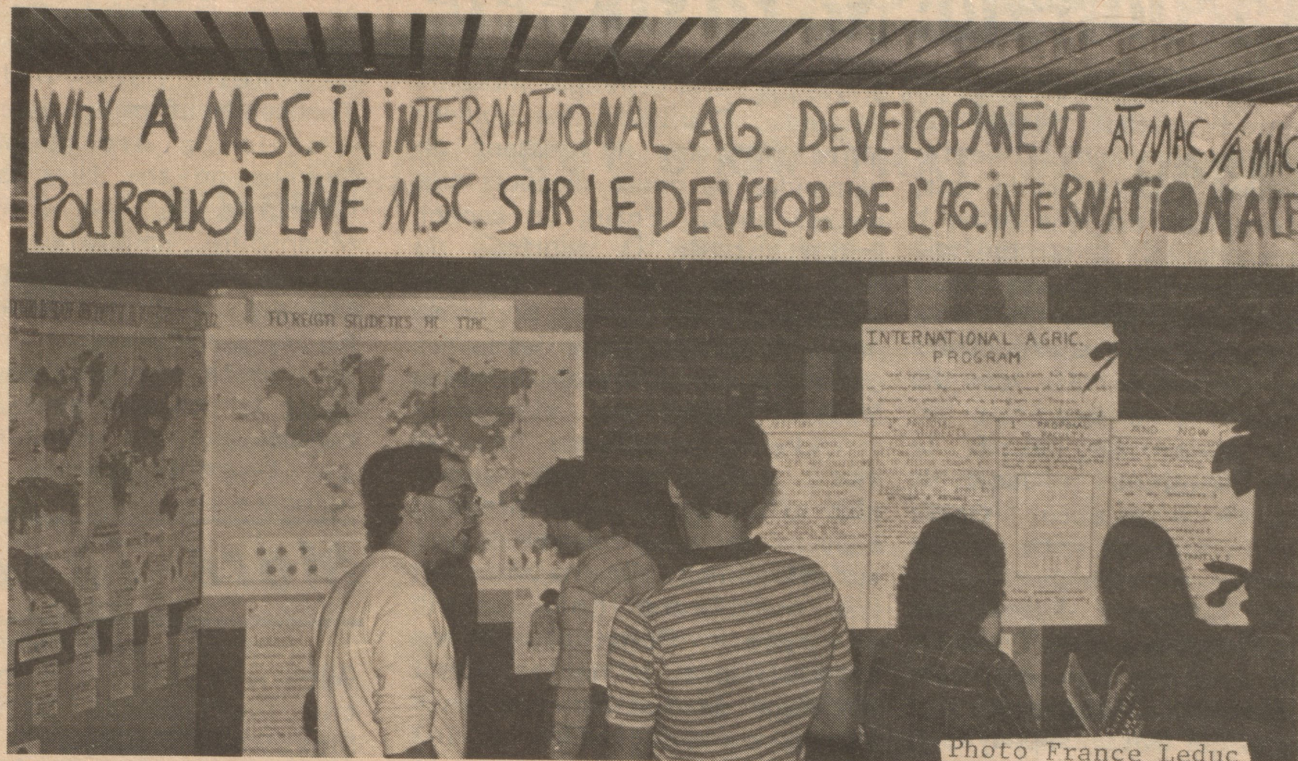


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WHY HAVE A PROGRAM IN INTERNATIONAL AGRICULTURE AT MAC? POURQUOI UN PROGRAMME EN AGRICULTURE INTERNATIONALE A MACDONALD?

A l'occasion de la Journée Mondiale de l'Alimentation à Macdonald, le 13-14 octobre, vous avez peut-être remarqué notre kiosque situé à l'entrée du MS. Notre but était alors de

vous informer et chercher votre proposition avait été formulée appui pour ce projet.

D'où vient-il? En effet, une réunion étudiante quant au contenu possible d'un tel intérêt accru se manifeste au programme. En mai, celle-ci fut présentée à la réunion de la faculté et semble avoir été accueillie favorablement (voir PROPOSED OUTLINE). Est-ce vraiment possible en agriculture. Et bien, oui. Si

Quel est-il? Une

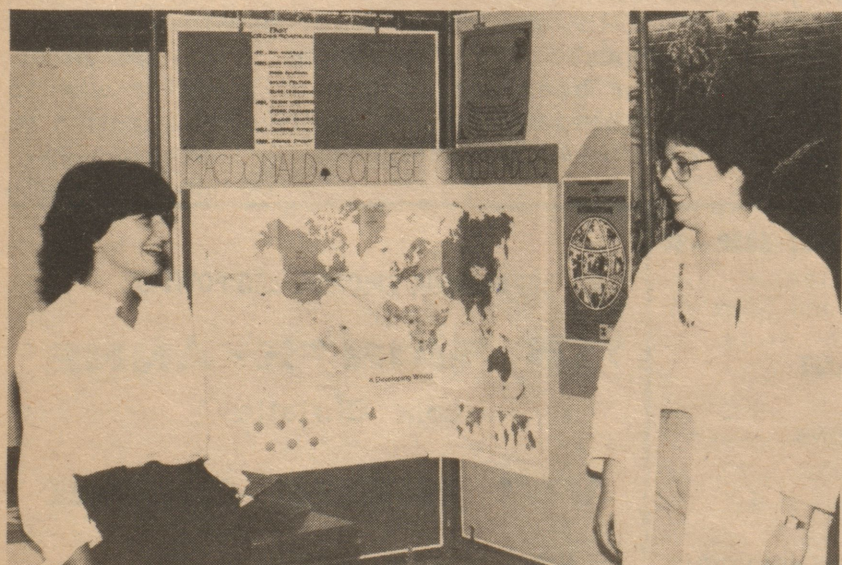
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Kiosques in the MS foyer.



General Powlowski and his cronies enjoying the fruits of oppression at the WORLD FOOD DAY GAME. (oct 14th)



Macdonald College Crossroaders



Bread and Water alone! This time some have gone so far with their "enjoyment".

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référendum, les étudiants de Macdonald avaient décidé de boycotter la compagnie O'Keefe.

Cependant, comme on le sait, un référendum est une arme à deux tranchants. Il semble que la constitution étudiante fasse qu'une décision prise par voie de référendum n'est exécutoire que pour l'année où le référendum a eu lieu.

Cette année, donc, le conseil étudiant refusait de mettre à exécution cette décision pourtant votée démocratiquement, sous prétexte que le Ceildh a d'excellente relations d'affaire avec O'Keefe.

Fallait-il laisser renverser sans mot dire la volonté des étudiants qui avaient appuyés le boycott?

Il nous semble évident que non. Mais, la tâche était ardue: il fallait que 10% de la population étudiante assiste à l'assemblée (i.e., 90 étudiants). Quand on sait que l'assistance moyenne à ce genre de réunion varie entre 10 et 30, même lorsqu'il s'agit d'un sujet qui concerne directement les étudiants, il y avait de quoi avoir des sueurs froides.

Mais, les étudiants semblent avoir réagi à la campagne d'information puisque 69 braves étaient là au début du meeting. Après un peu de maraude, au café, à la cafétéria et à la bibliothèque, le compte y était.

Même qu'il y avait au moins 110 personnes.

Les propositions soumises au vote étaient les suivantes: - que l'association étudiante continue le boycott d'O'Keefe - que l'association étudiante vérifie les liens entre l'Afrique du Sud et les compagnies avec qui elle fait affaire et qu'elle rompe ses relations avec les compagnies liées à l'Afrique du Sud deux semaines avant la fin de la Session d'hiver.

La discussion portait surtout sur l'efficacité d'un boycott comme agent de changement en Afrique du Sud.

Le principal argument en faveur d'un boycott c'est qu'il est affaiblit le régime en le

privant de son principal moteur: l'argent. D'ailleurs, les leaders noirs Africains ne cessent de demander ce genre d'appuis aux autres pays. Enfin, un aspect important de la tactique du boycott est que, s'il est bien publicisé, il peut faire boule de neige, favorisant ainsi des prises de position semblables dans d'autres institutions.

Un des arguments "contre" était qu'il existe des moyens plus efficaces de faire pression sur le gouvernement sud-africain. On mentionnait les manifestations comme exemple. Pourtant, il me semble que si le gouvernement d'Afrique du Sud n'a pas tenu compte des blâme des Nations-Unies, ce n'est sûrement pas une petite manifestation à Montréal qui le fera fléchir. D'ailleurs, l'ancien premier ministre sud-africain, Vorster, disait: "Every sale of a South African product is a brick in the wall of our continued existence."

Après environ une demi-heure de discussion, les deux motions étaient adoptées avec une très forte majorité. Ce qui signifie que les deux propositions sont exécutoires jusqu'à ce qu'une autre réunion représentant 10% de la population étudiante décide du contraire.

Cette assemblée était encourageante pour ceux qui s'inquiètent de l'avenir du mouvement étudiant à Macdonald. En effet, quand on connaît l'apathie qui règne habituellement dans ce milieu, ça fait plaisir de voir autant de monde témoigner de la solidarité à un peuple lointain.

Serait-ce qu'une nouvelle génération d'étudiants est en train d'émerger?

N.B.: Il semble qu'à la fin novembre, des représentants de la SWAPO (South West African People Organization) et le l'AMC (African National Congress) seront à Montréal. Il est question qu'ils viennent donner une conférence ici. Nous vous communiqueront les détails plus tard.

Isabelle Montpetit.

Thursday morning, 27 October 1983. American soldiers in Beirut are digging their buddies out of the rubble of their command post. Thousands of miles away, more Americans are shooting at Cubans on the tiny island of Grenada in the Caribbean. Meanwhile, somewhere else in the world, disease-ridden hungry kids are starving, rebels hide in rocky mountain passes, dissidents are turfed out of their homes and sent to work camps, and the world trembles as it contemplates nuclear holocaust.

The point I want to make is this: if we live in a house of glass, should we be throwing stones? As is said in the good book, "let he who is without sin cast the first stone".

The next thing I want to bring up is this: how much of a personal sacrifice are we making to help the Oppressed People of South Africa? Ten cases of beer a week in the Ceildh represents 3 beers a week for each person who voted for the boycott. Are you going to switch to Molson's or Labatt's? What would you do if O'Keefe had the exclusive rights

More Thoughts on BOYCOTT

At the same moment, a voice is heard in the Lounge of the Centennial Centre of Macdonald College: "Boycott O'Keefe to stop apartheid in South Africa". Eager and enthusiastic at the thought of striking a blow for social justice and freedom for oppressed people, 80 or so students shout: "Yeah". Thus victory is at hand after a glorious battle. Their social conscience eased, the students go back to their classes with a smile.

Apartheid is an ugly word. So is racism. They should indeed be wiped from the face of the earth. But before embarking on an international campaign, why don't we take a good look at ourselves and describe what we see?

In case you've forgotten, let me tell you how this country was built. In the early days, we sold guns, wine and whisky to the Indians. When they were thoroughly drunk, we drove them from their lands and slaughtered them in the thousands before parking them on reserves where they still are today. Aren't we enjoying the fruits of earlier racism in North America? And if I were to tell you that racism exists on our very campus, would you believe me? Have you heard comments about PAKIS, NIGGERS and Orientals on the Campus? If not, where have you been? How many black company presidents do we have in Canada?

to sell shoes in Canada: would you be so keen on walking barefoot in the snow? I'll go further than that: would you refuse a \$25,000 a year Rhodes scholarship? Remember that Rhodes made his money sweating blacks in diamond and gold mines in South Africa. When you get a job offer in the near future, will you investigate them personally to make sure that they have nothing to do with South Africa? Be honest with yourselves when you answer that.

I don't think that there is one nation in the world that is not guilty of some form of oppression, either racial, economic or otherwise. Do we cut off our ties with these countries? If we are honest and our motives are the same that sparked the O'Keefe boycott, we should pull out of international trade. Then we can sit and starve and freeze in the dark. Or we can go back to wearing animal skins and throwing spears at wild animals.

This boycott is a silly thing: it's not good policy to be selective in international affairs. Nor is it moral to condemn other men for crimes of which we might be guilty of ourselves. I don't think we thought about it for a long time before we acted on the issue. If we had thought about it, we might have kept silent, or thought of a better way to make a positive contribution to society.

Honestly yours
Michel Duquette

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Un oeil sur l'actualité,
une dent contre la politique.

Quel meilleur temps choisir pour parler de politique que cette fin d'octobre mouvementée à Macdonald? C'est le temps des marches pour la paix, des luttes entre associations étudiantes (lire ANEQ et RAEU) pour le droit de représentation (sic) des étudiants. Faudrait pas oublier la bisbille maison au sujet de la vente des produits O'Keefe. Bref, ça bouge de c'temps-là à Macdonald. Est-ce croyable? Pas vraiment...

Ca ne bouge pas plus que d'habitude, ça ne fait que brasser plus d'air. Parce que voyez-vous, la politique, c'est une belle "balloune" qu'on remplit d'air... pas toujours propre. Je me suis donné la peine d'en faire auparavant (1980, vous vous rappelez?). De mes 2 années dans ce monde grouillant, de ma participation à deux scrutins provinciaux (comme représentant dans un bureau de votation), j'en suis venu à tirer quelques conclusions.

Que ces messieurs de l'ANEQ cessent de jouer à la vierge offensée. De grâce, évitez-nous votre merdouille de la défense de nos droits (là, je peux inclure le RAEU aussi). Savez-vous qui vous défendez?

Une grosse (et grasse) majorité SILENCIEUSE, qui ne vous connaît pas très bien par surcroît. Ah oui, belle représentativité que celle-là! Faible participation aux assemblées générales des Collèges, participation on ne peut plus faible au débat ANEQ-RAEU (ici, à Macdonald!) etc., ça augure bien d'une représentativité ultérieure!

Cependant, le titre de majorité silencieuse n'est pas l'apanage des seuls étudiants. Notre génération ne fait que suivre sa précédente. Bien sûr, il arrive qu'on manifeste, même dans la rue, QUAND NOTRE SECURITE DE PETIT DERRIERE est en jeu. On se bat pour un salaire, une job, contre un règlement qui nous menace DIRECTEMENT. La solidarité, les grandes causes, laissez-moi en rire: 15,000 marcheurs pour la paix le 23 octobre dernier à Montréal, un succès pour les organisateurs. Notre société est tellement mobilisée qu'un nombre ridicule (comparé au bassin de population de Montréal) est qualifié de succès!..

J'ai assisté à 2 scrutins provinciaux où j'ai constaté (pendant 8 heures à chaque fois) l'absence de choix réfléchi et l'absence de bonne foi quasi totales chez les électeurs "moyens" de ma circonscription. Faites-moi confiance, je ne charrie pas, la surprise n'en fut que plus grande à l'époque. La société, la masse, le bon peuple des démagogues, il faut le lui darder son DERRIERE pour qu'elle daigne de le bouger.

Alors, messieurs les politiciens en hube de l'ANEQ et du RAEU, allez donc faire le trotteur ailleurs. L'expérience tend à prouver que les politiciens, une fois élus, ont la mémoire courte. Le PQ se fait reprocher bien des oublis par les jeunes depuis '76. Pourtant, à l'époque, il représentait tant d'espairs... Je me méfie de la "vertu" chez un politicien. Excès de prudence? Peut-être, mais les roquets de la politique étudiante ne ressemblent que trop à des politiciens PRIVES DU POUVOIR.

A l'image des partis politiques qui changent... d'idée, les conseils étudiants aussi peuvent changer. Une décision qui se voulait éclairée bannissait l'achat des produits O'Keefe à Macdonald il y a de ça deux ans. Voilà que le conseil actuel souhaite revenir sur cette décision. De bonne foi, je lui reconnais avoir étudié la question et faire un choix éclairé. Mais ça sent quand même le profit... perdu en ne faisant pas affaire avec O'Keefe...

Alors, elle est belle la politique. Une majorité silencieuse, apathique, pas toujours bien éclairée (on en a eu la plus belle preuve avec le choix à faire ANEQ-RAEU), à qui s'ajoutent des âmes de politiciens pas dédaigneux du pouvoir du tout. Il n'en faut pas moins pour vous rééditer la Comédie Humaine.

Finalement, je vous demanderai, messieurs les politiciens (à tous les niveaux), de ne pas vous égosiller inutilement. Le pouvoir qui vous est délégué, et qui fait bien votre affaire, avouez-le, ce pouvoir n'est très souvent que le déchargement des responsabilités d'une société (étudiante ou en général) trop inerte pour s'organiser localement, ou encore le résultat d'un choix douteusement

... ANYTHING,
BUT SHOW THAT WE CARE.

Thursday, October 27 was a pretty satisfying day for someone involved in Student Affairs, wasn't it? On the surface there were elections, referenda, an Open Students' Society meetin and a great party. But let's take a closer look. There was perhaps 25% participation in the various referenda held on Thursday. Three out of four students did not vote for whatever reason(s).

And as for the Open Students' Society meeting held to decide on the O'Keefe issue, I do not think it would be an exaggeration to say that our students had to be nursemaided through. At 11:00 AM the required number of students was not there and people had to be tempted away from their lunches in order to make a quorum.

Please don't get me wrong. I do not want to write yet another article deploring student apathy. Most students have different priorities and that is something you get used to.

Furthermore, 25% participation is excellent compared to just about any other University you could name. McGill Students' Council elections rarely exceed 5% participation.

I am not upset at the decision to continue the boycott. On the basis of John Muna's excellent speech (he was the only person there who addressed the real issue) I would have voted with the majority.

It is exactly the point that John Muna made that saddens me. He argued, correctly I think, that the real issue was not the practical feasibility of the O'Keefe boycott. He said that the real question was: "Can we do something, anything, to show that we care?" By not attending that meeting some 800 Macdonald students, the overwhelming majority, answered that question with a "NO".

Stephan von Cramon



Photo by Pierre Bourgoyne

John Muna, at the Student Society Meeting (Oct. 27th):
"Can we do something, anything to show that we care".

éclairé.

La politique, dans ces termes-là, c'est de la démogogie.

PS: Loin de vouloir jouer à l'anarchiste, j'ai seulement préféré m'en tenir à l'identification d'un problème, l'invalidité d'un système politique. Je me suis bien gardé de prêcher dans le désert, de vendre la manne. Proposer des solutions à ce stade-ci serait de faire de la politique

(démagogique). Il faut cesser de proposer bêtement des solutions à ce cher peuple. Faisons-lui voir les problèmes, ses problèmes, remettons-les lui pour qu'il SE trouve des solutions, PAR lui-même et POUR lui-même. Alors la communauté deviendra responsable.

La question n'est pas vidée, la page reste ouverte. A une prochaine fois.

Sylvain Bergeron

6 you may not be alone

By Kaarina Baker

Women: As all of you most likely use Macdonalds toilet facilities at least once a day and if not at least once a week, you have all at some point, while sitting on a toilet seat, found yourself facing a poster depicting a cross-eyed, insane-looking hairy tramp perering over the stall door, accompanied by the words: "YOU MAY NOT BE ALONE". For the benefit of our male friends, approximately two weeks ago, these posters mysteriously appeared in every toilet stall in every woman's bathroom (at least as far as I've used) of Macdonald College.

A little while ago, the Harvest was also given a few explanatory articles concerning the posters and a request to publicize them. Rather than reprint every article, I've allowed myself to summarize them and voice a few of my own feelings concerning the matter. The articles are available for anyone to consult in the Harvest box (CC desk). As for my own feelings they are based merely on what I've seen in the toilets, the donated articles and personal experience.

Hopefully with your feedback, we'll voice them to the organisers of this.

Prompted by increased incidences of sexual assault and harassment on McGill's Montreal Campus, the Senate Committee on Women has stepped up a program to sensitize women to potential dangerous or unpleasant situations. The committee, composed of professors Zulma Nellie Martinez, San Noumoff and Director of Admissions, Peggy Sheppard, is mailing pamphlets to all female staff and students outlining preventative measures and self-defense tips in case of trouble and are preparing a map of the campus indicating potential trouble spots in the hopes that women will memorize and avoid them. In the long run, they also hope to set up a hot-line for women in distress and counselling services and self-defence courses.

Also, because there have been incidences of threatening men in the womens washrooms and corridors, the committee has arranged with Campus Services and Physical Ressources to have posters placed in all womens washrooms alerting them to potential danger and providing an emergency phone number. At the same time, security staff are being given tips on how to respond to women in danger;

for example, according to Noumoff, they are being warned not be "cute" or "fatherly" since women are "irritated" by patronising attitudes (McGill Daily, Oct. 6, '83).

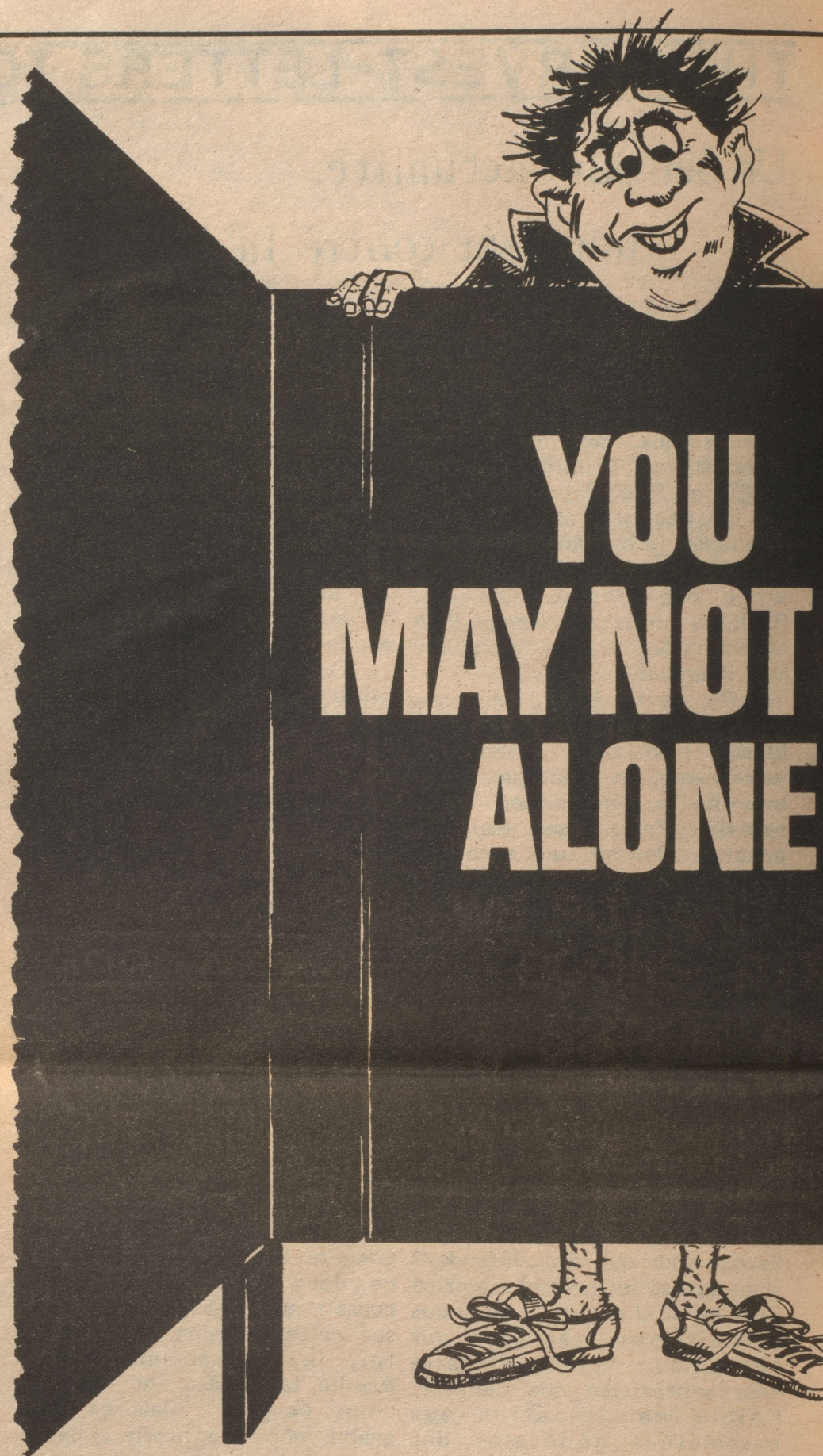
The idea of the poster is to memorize the number in case of emergency. Sheppard says visual "repetition" will sensitize women. The objective of the committee she says, is to alert women without frightening them (Daily, Sept. 19, '83). However, representatives of the McGill Womens Union have objected to certain aspects of the program.

Anne Gray says of the posters: "It trivialises the importance of the issue by asking women to laugh at it, at the same time offering inadequate information to deal with a crisis situation" (Daily, Oct. 6, '83). Laura Granfed objects to recommendations advising women to avoid trouble spots. Restricting women to certain areas is a reflection of the feeling that the problem stems from women when men are the aggressors. If a program is to be installed it should aim at the education of both men and women.

I am not aware yet whether or not women of Macdonald Campus are to be given pamphlets and a trouble spot map, nor whether or not Macdonald has had the problems identified at downtown McGill. Regardless, I think it is important that both men and women be aware of the issue; however, I strongly object to the posters that have been placed in our bathrooms.

First of all I think it is unfortunate that the character depicted in the poster is so atypical of your average aggressor. My impression from the picture is that the man is a tramp and is slightly deranged. From my own experience, and I'm sure I speak for many, your average aggressor is your average man on the street: businessman, friend, respectable looking father of two, etc. It's too bad such an image of marginal people is being perpetuated.

I also deplore the lack of information on the poster. What use is a phone number when you're stuck in a stall? And even if you do manage to reach a phone, who are you calling? Just because I'm telling you that the phone number refers to Campus Security doesn't mean everyone knows now. It's nice to know who you're calling. This number is important to call in a potentially dangerous situation and even afterwards, but just as



For help, call 45

importantly if not more, a women who has just been assaulted should have access to someone who will understand her distress and confusion. I appreciate Security services but I don't think I'd turn to them for consolation. So an alternate number, for instance to a rape crisis centre should also appear. Both numbers should be identified.

The aim of the poster is to alert women without frightening them and to remind them to keep self-possessed. Personally I find the picture ugly and scary. There is no need for an ugly picture to

alert us to unpleasant situations, nor is it very soothing if you're in one. Nor does it have to be eye-catching; I think you'd all agree that when we sit on the toilet we tend to read everything on the walls over and over and over...

So if this poster contained some words of warning without any ugliness, some immediately useful tips, a couple of phone numbers and especially an overall emphasis on self-possession and calm rather than paranoia, I think if the situation did arise, we'd be better prepared than by having stared at a hairy character a

international agriculture program

on considère le nombre de professeurs récemment impliqués à travers le monde dans différents projets en agriculture et l'active participation de McGill au développement international, on reconnaît avec enthousiasme la vocation internationale de l'Université.

Jusqu'à présent, seuls deux cours sont offerts à ce niveau pour tout(e) étudiant(e) intéressé(e)s de près ou de loin à l'agriculture dans les pays en développement: "International Agriculture" et "Tropical Field Tour". Ils vous sont chaudement recommandés à titre d'introduction.

Mais ici, à Macdonald, nous voulons plus et nous pouvons le réaliser. Il faudra bien plus que des signatures sur une pétition pour passer à l'action. Votre intérêt et appui sont là: votre participation est essentielle.

Prochainement aura lieu une rencontre ouverte à tous les intéressés(e)s qui ont des idées et des questions à faire

NO GOOD NEWS

It happens everyday. You walk down the street, whistling without a dog, when a somebody draws your attention to the prospect of total happiness according to Mao's little red book, the old testament or Fuller's brush catalog. It's the way it is put also: "Do you want to hear a good news?"

I say no most times. Makes me feel awfully too. Darn I said no to a good news. You see I have all these good news: I eat regularly with a hammer and a sickle, I read the Bible as often as I take a bath, and I'm seriously considering a brush cut to content fuller's. So rejoice good news bearers, I'm spreading the good news as well. And remember, next time we meet and I grin and nod, it's to say thank-you. Wilfrid Raby

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and times.

If this problem exists, women shouldn't be in the secrecy of their rooms alone on how to deal with it; I'm sure most males I would agree. Both men and women need to work on an issue together.

I noticed that within a few days of their appearance, some of these posters had been torn or ripped off. It would be interesting to know why. Is it merely mischief or do you have objections too? Do my comments about them reflect anything? It would be nice to have them in view of presenting

some feedback to the committee (please leave them in Harvest box CC desk).

Response to Kaarina's article

Glad to see an article on the subject- These stupid posters are all over McGill and downtown; rather than being ripped off they are riddled with graffiti. Can women on this committee actually be suggesting these ideas?

Why not install red phones with direct lines to security if our bathrooms are so dangerous. Are there any recorded incidents of aggression in bathrooms yet?

A student.

valoir. SURVEILLENZ L'ANNONCE DANS LE MOUTHPIECE. Nous comptons sur votre présence et votre aide. Ainsi soit-il.

Nathalie Payette

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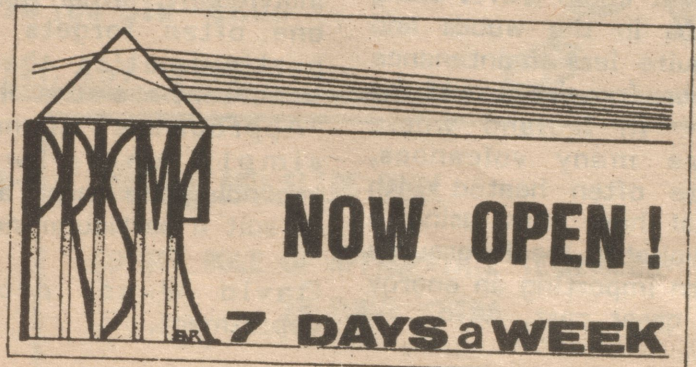
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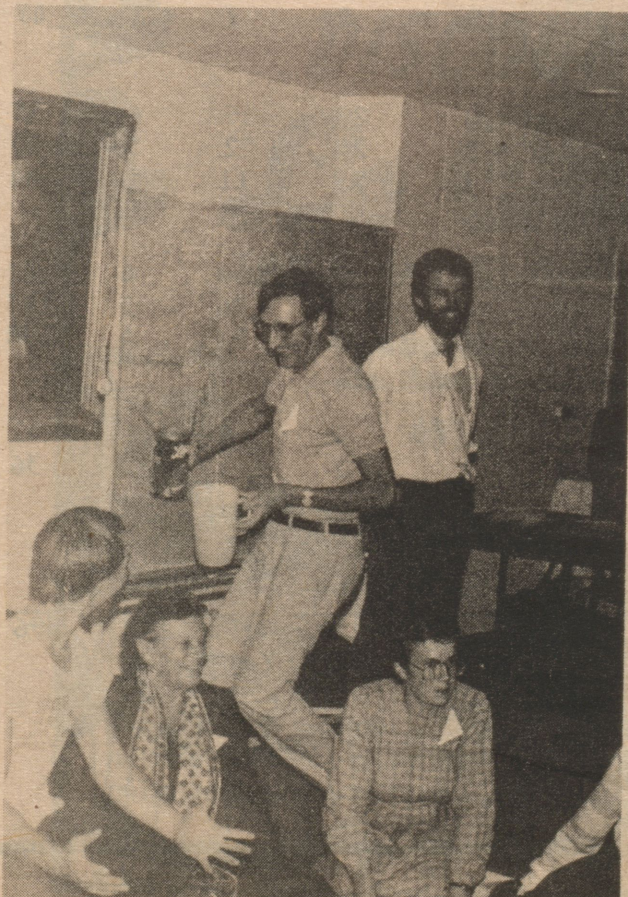
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What is appropriate technology? It is the use of readily available and accessible technology to meet a particular demand, often on a small scale and at a local level. For example, in an area with a lot of bamboo, one could use bamboo poles as drainage pipes rather than purchasing plastic pipes: this would save money and develop a local resource. Another example: one could use a bicycle-drawn cart as an ambulance; it could travel along small paths in the woods and would require less maintenance than a car (repairs would be simpler). In Iceland where there are many volcanoes, houses are often heated with geothermal heat thus using a readily available local resource rather than importing an energy source at great cost.

When dealing with "appropriate technology", one tends to think on a small scale, solving problems with what one has at hand: this makes it easier to replace, repair and maintain the "piece" of technology since one already has a certain familiarity with its parts and its mode of functioning. There is less dependence on imported, often expensive and sometimes unavailable (how often we find that the replacement blade for our coffee grinder is no longer manufactured) technology. Rather than thinking of general solutions to problems, one tries to deal with each problem individually. When generalizing, one often forgets all those particularities that are so important to the individual. "Appropriate" technology is simply using whatever technology is most appropriate to suit a particular need.

David Wees, propaganda department.

MILITARISM & DEVELOPMENT

The evening of Oct. 19 brought together a small group of students and faculty at CUSO Macdonald's 2nd event of the semester. The seminar, which was stimulating and successful due to its intimacy, featured a slide-tape show and subsequent discussion on militarism and development.

The speaker, Mr. Jean Lacoursière, not only is a Catholic priest, but has substantial experience in international development. He spent most of his life in Africa organizing credit unions for the local people. For the past ten years he has worked for a Catholic organization called "Development and Peace", which has as its main purpose the promotion of international solidarity between Canada and the developing world.

One might ask: What is the relation between this and militarization, and why does Mr. Lacoursière attach such importance to it? He gave us the answer when he explained that his organization has not only tried to help the developing world but has also attempted to find the causes of underdevelopment. One major cause was found to be militarization.

Militarization is an obstacle to development. Why is this so? Briefly: financial aid given to some nations may be used for military purposes; some countries are in debt partly as a result of overspending on armaments and then grow food for export as a source of foreign exchange (as opposed to growing food for local consumption); the military is often used as a tool of oppression within a country.

Getting back to the evening itself, Mr. Lacoursière's presentation was very informal. He seemed quite interested in learning about the views and ideas of the audience. This approach lent itself well to a rather interpersonal discussion among group members, during which some stimulating ideas and observations were expressed on the many implications of disarmament and militarism.

It is encouraging to see that the various churches are beginning to involve themselves in the important issues of the day. It wasn't so long ago that the churches acted as a conservative influence, avoiding asking the difficult question.

We find this "new militancy" on their part an inspiration, for the churches can potentially reach out to many people. What really pleased us (and, we hope, others who attended) was the optimistic and positive way in which the evening ended. In the face of the complex and seemingly endless problems of the world, to resign oneself to pessimism and uninvolvedness is perhaps the easiest thing to do. Mr. Lacoursière was pleased to speak to us (as young people) and expressed his hope in us. He urged people to be active and, most importantly, to be hopeful; for to lose hope is to lose everything.

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U1	13	18	4	1	5	0	41
U2	7	11	8	1	2	0	29
U3	8	15	19	2	2	1	47
Food Sci.							
U1	0	1	0	29	19	6	55
U2	3	4	2	24	22	5	60
U3	3	2	1	19	11	8	44
Agric.							
U1	20	57	5	22	54	4	162
U2	23	49	6	24	36	5	143
U3	29	69	10	35	51	4	198
Diploma							
1	19	10	1	4	6	1	41
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Last issue, we looked at seat selection. This issue, I would like to tackle a few suggestions for bothering your professor.

First, as an individual (although these ideas work better in groups):

(1) Instead of bringing the teacher an apple bring him/her a watermelon. Or a turnip. (Nobody likes turnip).

(2) A popular one in Dr. Kok's class is "The Old Tape Recording of a Fire Alarm Trick".

(3) Ask questions about everything the teacher hoped to cover in the next lecture.

(4) Ask all questions in Swahili.

(5) Bring crying babies to class.

(6) Bring a copy of Penthouse magazine to class and look at the centrefold as you hold it up. (Best in the first 2 rows). This will also distract people behind you.

(7) Instead of passing notes to your friends, pass them to the teacher (give yourself 10 points if the teacher writes you an answer).

(8) Snore.

(9) Fart.

(10) Laugh at everything the teacher says.

(11) Pace behind him/her.

(12) Blackmail the professor (Some people consider this immoral, though).

As a group (often hard to arrange):

(1) On cue, everyone raise their hands simultaneously. Then, all ask the same question together in perfect harmony.

(2) In the first lecture, when the professor begins lecturing about Biochemistry, raise your hand and ask if the lecture isn't supposed to be Ecology. Then, the whole class agrees with you. If you're convincing, you can get half of a Biochemistry course and half of an Ecology course.

(3) Pass up handouts (secretly). Then, one by one, go to the teacher's office and ask for a copy. This works best with classes of 150 or so.

Brief notes: ... I've been ordained as an Honorary Tall Person... A picnic is taking your food out for a meal... Someone had a fly in their soup the other day. Then they unzipped it... Scientific controversy is fueled by ignorance on all sides... Honest people get away with just about anything... My girlfriend and the Post Office handle the same things: First Class Male... In the words of Grandma Denaney, "Money can't buy happiness, but it sure can fool you 'til you're dead."... Bonne chance dans la vie'. BUCKO.



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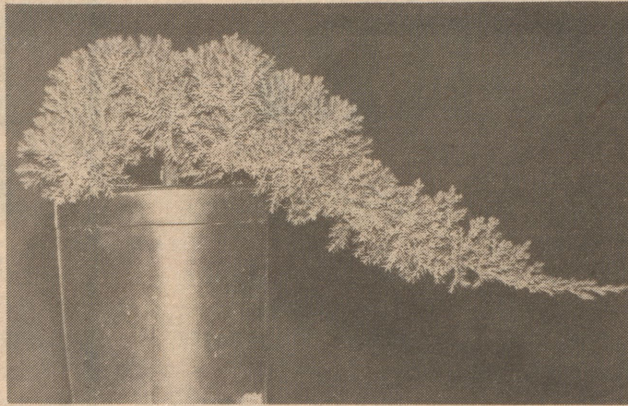
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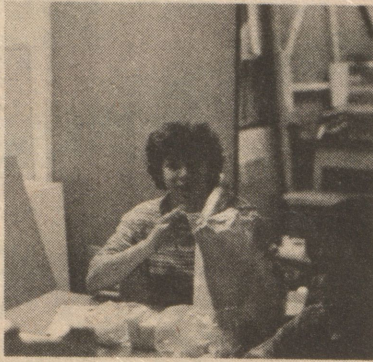
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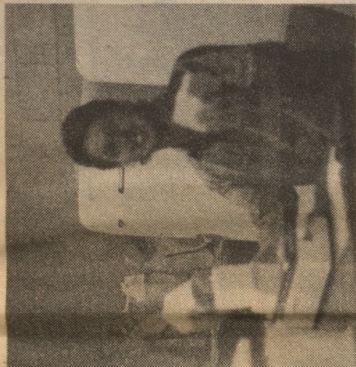
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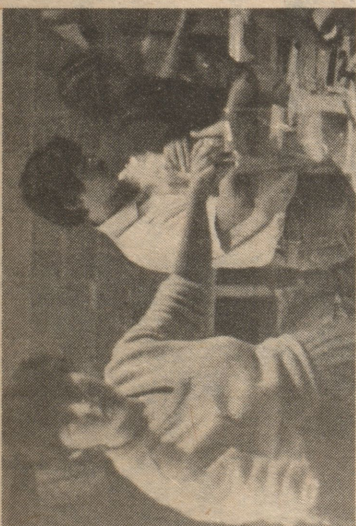
Chacun doit faire sa part. Dana travaille le jeudi après-midi.



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Texte et photo : Pierre Burgoyne

How to talk about drinking & driving

to your teenagers

We all know going out is fun, and no parent wants to take away those good times. But these days, with teenagers in and out of cars so much, it's crucial that they understand the dangers of drinking and driving, and that they can avert potential trouble by making the right decisions.

First, set your son or daughter straight on this often-misunderstood fact: beer, wine and spirits—in excess, all three are just as dangerous on the road.

A good way of avoiding trouble is to plan ahead. Suggest that your teenagers review their evening before going out. If they see drinking involved, far better to leave the car at home than to take chances later behind the wheel.

Far better also to say no to a drink, to refuse to drive, or to turn down a lift with an impaired friend than to go along with the crowd and maybe regret it.

You can support your teenagers and give them confidence by letting them know that if they ever need help you'll go for them, pay their cab or do whatever is necessary to get them home safely.

Most important, be a good example. Never drive if you've had even one drink too many. Better still, don't let it come to that. Know your limit and stay within it.

to your parents

If you're not of legal drinking age, don't touch a drop. But if you are, and you drive, then you're old enough to do your part in reaching an agreement with your parents on the subject.

Sure they worry. Because even if you don't drink, others in your group may. The friend driving you home one night may have had too much.

Show that you're equally concerned. Get serious. For instance, what have you read lately about the dangers of drinking and driving? Do you know how much beer, wine or spirits your body can safely handle before your judgment becomes impaired? Do you know the law in your province? And what happens if you break it?

Get the facts and discuss them calmly. Then take the initiative and propose a few family ground rules.

No driving if you've been drinking beyond your limit. (We'll send you a valuable free chart on responsible limits if you write us.) No riding with a friend who's been drinking. And convince your parents if a situation ever turns dicey, you won't hesitate to phone for help.

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beneficial or detrimental but research in this area is unclear.

It seems that we are close to having a male "pill" but researchers are working to perfect the dose and frequency of administration before large scale clinical trials are attempted. Within the next year or so the Food Drug Administration (FDA) in the USA will allow clinical evaluations of some male contraceptives. It is hoped that the same will happen in Canada. All attempts are being made to reduce the risks involved with contraceptives. We have learned from the problems seen with steroid overdoses in the first "pill" for women. Hopefully in the near future a safe, reliable male pill will be available. It is attractive to postulate on the benefits of mass male fertility in developing countries. For example, China's population over one billion. By implementing strict male fertility control, population growth would be slowed. In fact, one of the main goals of China's sixth 5 year plan (1981-1985) is rigid control of population growth. This, in the long term, would reduce pressures in urban environments and decrease food and energy requirements. Special needs may also be reduced. Hopefully, we expect this would decrease (but never eliminate) aggressive confrontations between nations over geographic boundaries i.e. WAR. This phenomenon, on a worldwide scale, is at present, a threat beyond comprehension.

A problem in Western Countries is the acceptance of

a male contraceptive. The dilemma lies within the male where dominance and macho sexual attitudes are fact. Any threat a contraceptive poses to the male ego reduces its chance of universal acceptance. In any case it is attractive to consider the symbiotic potential of male and female contraception in a two-partner relation. A woman may be taking the "pill" for 2-3 years while her male counterpart is not using contraceptives. When it is decided that the woman will discontinue contraception the man may employ his own effective fertility control. The chance for irreversible changes and deleterious side effects is greatly reduced. Those in the medical profession should consider an integration of contraceptive methods for couples. It is probably that sexual attitudes of both men and women would change with the advent of safe male contraceptives.

I would think an increased awareness of fertility control on both sides could only improve the relative status of women and men in our society (incidentally, the study using Levo-Norgestrel was performed by a Danish woman). Integrated male-female contraception will be a major tool for the family planner and long term population control is essential for the establishment of some degree of political and welfare stability and an absolute requirement for our race to maintain existence on mother earth.

Vance Trudeau

There is now a Disarmament Group on the Campus. The group had its first meeting last Friday (Oct. 28th) and is already planning activities to raise awareness about the possibilities, meaning and importance of every individual's actions to overcome the real threat of the astonishingly absurd and incredible arms race going on around the world.

The group's energy will be put into the diffusion of information on the campus. There will be film presentations (films such as "If you love this planet" and "Boum") as well as the organization of small group discussions coordinated by resource people, letter writing and petition mailing to officials.

The establishment and maintenance of contact with other peace movements in the West Island (John Abbott College, for example) and in Montreal (Yellow Door, Concordia, McGill, UQAM, Université de Montréal, etc....) is also a project of the group, which is open to professors, all staff and students on the campus.

The HARVEST reporter.

DISCUSSION CORNER:

Both the liberals and the N.D.P. expressed concern over the invasion of Grenada, P.C. refrained. Maybe Mr. Mulroney believes he is still employed by the Iron Ore Company?

Mr. Q

(Q stands for question mark) If you want to respond to Mr.Q, drop your letters in Mr.Q's box at the C.C. desk.

Party d'halloween

Photos: Pierre Burgoyne

